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FOR THE SECRETARY AND SCHAUFELER FROM EDMONDSON

DEPARTMENT REPEAT TO DAR ES SALAAM, LONDON, LUSAKA

E.O. 11652: XGDS-1

TAGS: PFOR, RH, TZ

SUBJECT: CROSLAND MESSAGE TO NYERERE ON RHODESIA

REF: NAIROBI 0428 (NODIS)

1. REPEATED IN PARA TWO BELOW IS TEXT OF MESSAGE THAT RICHARD DELIVERED FROM CROSLAND TO NYERERE ON JAN. 11. PHILIP MANSFIELD THOUGHT NYERERE WAS PROBABLY PREPARED BY WORD FROM KAUNDA FOR ADVERSE BRITISH REACTION TO FRONTLINERS' LUSAKA COMMUNIQUE BUT WAS NONETHELESS TAKEN ABACK SOMEWHAT BY CURTNESS OF CROSLAND MESSAGE. AS MANSFIELD PUT IT, A VAGUE LOOK CAME OVER HIS EYES WHILE HE READ IT. MANSFIELD THOUGHT IT CONTRIBUTED TO NYERERE'S SEEMING REASONABLENESS BUT ADMITTED NYERERE MAY HAVE PHRASED HIS RESPONSE TO HAVE A SOOTHING EFFECT.

2. BEGIN TEXT: DEAR MR. PRESIDENT, I MUST LET YOU KNOW IN ALL CANDOR THAT THE PRIME MINISTER AND I ARE DEEPLY CONCERNED, IN THE LIGHT OF MR. RICHARD'S REPORTS OF HIS LATEST CONVERSATIONS, ABOUT THE PROSPECTS

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FOR FINDING A SATISFACTORY BASIS ON WHICH TO RESUME THE GENEVA NEGOTIATIONS. SOME OF THE NATIONALIST LEADERS STILL DO NOT SEEM TO REALISE THAT THE RHODESIAN FRONT HOLDS EFFECTIVE POWER IN RHODESIA AND THAT NO AGREEMENT ON TRANSITION TO EARLY MAJORITY RULE WILL BE POSSIBLE UNLESS THE WHITE RHODESIANS CAN BE PERSUADED THAT THE NATIONALISTS TAKE ACCOUNT OF THIS

FACT. BRITIAN CANNOT IMPOSE MAJORITY RULE OVERNIGHT.
IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, WE ARE BEGINNING TO WONDER
WHETHER BRITIAN REALLY CAN PLAN A USEFUL ROLE IN
ACHIEVING THE OBJECTIVE OF AN INDEPENDENT ZIMBABWE
FIRMLY BASED ON MAJORITY RULE. WITH WARM REGARDS,
CROSLAND. END TEXT.

3. COMMENT: IT IS INTERESTING THAT BRITISH EMPLOYED
CROSLAND-NYERERE MESSAGE RATHER THAN HAVING IT COME
FROM PRIME MINISTER CALLAGHAN WHICH WOULD BE MORE
NORMAL COMMONWEALTH CHANNEL.
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